



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 21, 2006

### **S. 2679**

### **Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on August 3, 2006*

#### **SUMMARY**

S. 2679 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million a year over the 2007-2016 period for the Department of Justice (DOJ) to investigate and prosecute certain unsolved homicides committed before 1970. The bill also would authorize the appropriation of \$1.5 million annually over the 2007-2016 period to the Community Relations Service division of DOJ to coordinate investigations with local law enforcement and provide technical assistance. CBO estimates that implementing S. 2679 would cost \$10 million in 2007 and \$56 million over the 2007-2011 period, subject to appropriation of the specified amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 2679 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no cost on state, local, or tribal governments.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2679 is shown in the following table. The cost of this legislation falls within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Authorization Level	12	12	12	12	12
Estimated Outlays	10	11	11	12	12

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 2679 will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2007 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each year. We estimate that implementing S. 2679 would cost \$10 million in 2007 and \$56 million over the 2007-2011 period, assuming appropriation of the specified amounts.

### **Unsolved Crime Units**

S. 2679 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million a year over the 2007-2016 period to establish an Unsolved Civil Rights Era Crime Unit within the Civil Rights Division of DOJ, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office within the Federal Bureau of Investigation. These new units would be responsible for investigating and prosecuting violations of criminal civil rights statutes involving homicides committed before 1970. Based on the spending patterns for similar DOJ activities, CBO estimates that implementing this provision would cost \$9 million in 2007 and \$49 million over the 2007-2011 period.

### **Community Relations Service**

S. 2679 would authorize the appropriation of \$1.5 million annually over the 2007-2016 period for the Community Relations Service of DOJ to aid in investigating and prosecuting certain unsolved civil rights cases. Authorized activities would include providing technical assistance and other assistance relating to the coordination of law enforcement officials and affected communities with DOJ. CBO estimates that this provision would cost \$1 million in 2007 and \$7 million over the 2007-2011 period.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 2679 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no cost on state, local, or tribal governments.

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